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In re Application of:)
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For: PASSIVE POLARIZATION STABILIZER

Assistant Commissioner
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Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.

60/214,501, filed June 27, 2000, which is incorporated by reference herein, and
claims the right to priority based on European Application No. 00305236.2 filed
June 21, 2000.--

Remarks

This amendment to the specification is made under 35 U.S.C. 119(e)(1)
and 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(4) to identify the U.S. provisional application and under 35
U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) to identify the foreign priority document benefits of the
specification.

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